

News comes from Washington that will make the pie hunters smack their mouths in glorious prospect of an early insertion of their teeth into their favorite viand. It is to the effect that the president has decided to issue an order about the first of the year, removing about 50,000 offices from the classified civil service and divide the spoils out right and left. All the storekeepers and guagers, as well as the deputy collectors, are to be included, and the democrats who are holding on by the skin of their teeth, are quaking in their boots. We have never taken much stock in the civil service enactments and while we want none of the spoils ourselves under any administration, we believe that the victors ought to have them. The republicans have the hide, let them also take the horns and tail, but at the same time when they do so, they will go back entirely on their previous utterances and platforms as to civil service.

It is said at Frankfort that the bill is already prepared to abolish the office of jailer of Jefferson county and put the duties on the sheriff, as the constitution permits, in order to discipline Jailer-elect Phanz for having his delinquent tax list printed in the Courier. The Legislators elect seem to be above the average of men usually sent to Frankfort, but if they go into such petty business as 'hat or attempt to enact laws to hamper the L. & N. railroad company because it is alleged to have coerced its employees to vote against Bryan, they will soon take their places in the niche of infamy with other disreputable Legislatures that have gone before them.

It is more than probable that it will cost the government more to take care of the fellows who went wild goose chasing for gold in the Klondike than the men will ever get out of the earth. The lowest offer to transport the 3,000,000 pounds of supplies that Secretary Alger says will be necessary to be sent there is \$1.50 a pound. In other words, it will take \$4,500,000 of dollars to transport \$200,000 worth of goods. Better let the fellows starve. They are not worth saving any way, even if it were the part of the government to see after every lot of fool fellows who choose to go on a wild goose chase.

By a jugglery of figures, Secretary Gage is trying to hide the great deficit that the Dingley bill is daily creating. He does this by counting in the \$54,000,000 received from the sale of the Southern Pacific railroad, which has nothing to do with the case at all, being entirely outside of it. As a deficit producer the Wilson bill isn't in it at all with the gigantic and monstrous robber tariff bill of Mr. Dingley, which the party in power has foisted upon the people for the benefit of trusts, combines and other inventions of the devil and the money powers.

OUR dear friend, Bill Deboe, has our thanks for a copy of his bill "To Improve and Reform the Civil Service." Without attempting to disparage the efforts of the gentleman, we do not think a careful perusal of the bill shows as much improvement as it does reformation of the existing law. It would be better entitled a bill to drop down the bars and let the hungry horde into the green pastures and pearly brooklets. This first effort of the Senator will do very well, however, as an electioneering scheme and to keep the boys in good humor.

THE Legislature in session at Richmond, Va., is composed of reformers from away back. It is taking a crack at creation generally, Senator McCune seeing them all and going one better. He has presented a bill to prevent young men and boys from making love to the pretty female pupils in the different schools and to make it a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$50, or imprisonment, for any man or youth to loiter about any female school or seminary. At this rate life will soon be not worth the living in "Old Ferginny."

THE Richmond Register's double Christmas number was printed in red and black and showed fine press work as well as artistic taste. The trouble about going to so much trouble to print a paper like that is that the average reader does not appreciate it. Editors and printers alone know how much work it takes.

How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is to have a thankless child! Col. W. C. P. Breckinridge is realizing the force of these words of Shakespeare in his son, Robert, whose misconduct has forced him to publish a card that he will not be responsible for his acts nor pay any of the checks he draws on him.

We shall not attempt to improve on the 24 Chapter of Luke in a Christmas editorial, so with a thankful heart for the blessings that we have enjoyed during the year as a people and as an individual and with the compliments of the season to our patrons and friends, we commend its careful and prayerful perusal. On the glorious event chronicled there the happiness of the world has depended and upon it the hope of the life that is to come. With grateful hearts then for this priceless boon to mankind let us spend this happy season as becomes a civilized people and not as barbarians and beasts. Millions of little stockings will be hung up to-night and anxious and impatient hearts will await the dawning of the morning. May no little darling be disappointed, but made to feel that Old Santa is indeed their patron saint.

It is very easy to perceive that that "Light Horse Harry Watterson," is in the saddle again after his lecturing tour. For two or three days the Courier-Journal has been bristling with further proof that he is the most entertaining writer in America, no matter whether he is writing to suit you or the other fellow. Every editor who has ever slung mud at him ought to make amends these glorious Christmas times by whatever way they can.

THEY don't do things by halves in Australia. On the heels of a \$7,000,000 fire comes the report of a man's failure for \$4,500,000.

POLITICS

In the civil service examination for guagers at Lexington 30 republicans failed.

Expenditures of the penitentiary at Frankfort have exceeded the receipts by \$22,000 in 19 months.

Only six members of the last House will be in the one that meets at Frankfort Jan. 4. Morgan Chinn is one of them.

It has been discovered that 14 counties in the late election chose men named Alexander Whitaker for justice of the peace.

Dr. W. P. White was turned down as City Health officer for Louisville by Dr. M. K. Allen. Dr. J. W. Guest was made physician for the West End.

Revised returns show that Mayor Josiah Quincy, democrat, was re-elected in Boston by a plurality of 4,079 votes. The free silver vote was inconsiderable. During the first 20 days of December the retirement of National bank notes reached \$3,000,000. This is the greatest number in any month for 10 years.

It seems that Secretary Gage can not even get President McKinley to agree with him on his financial plan, and the president is one of the most amiable and impressionable men we know of.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

The New York Sun is doing a good work for pension reform, and makes some salty statements in regard to the many abuses of the system. It says that the government pays money to many more pensioners than there are war survivors.

A special dispatch to the New York World says that Senator Wolcott will resign his seat if the administration supports Secretary Gage's gold bond plan. He further states that he was sent abroad upon a fool's errand, and that self-respect demands that he repudiate the political trick.

Langley loses out in the Winchester post-office fight. Deboe has endorsed Hampton's man, Robert R. Perry, and he will take charge after New Year's. Commissioner Evans is out with a strong argument in favor of publishing the pension list. He thinks that thereby some men might be shamed out of swindling the government.

Charles Kurtz, of Ohio, has found three republicans in Cuyahoga county who are willing to lead a bolt against the re-election of Senator Hanna. It is claimed that 12 legislators are pledged against Hanna, and the Kurtz men will try to unite on Mayor McKisson, of Cleveland, as their candidate. Failing in this, a deal with the democrats may be made.

Referring to Mr. Thompson's slur on Gov. McCree, the Jessamine Journal says: As to whether the democratic party will select Mr. McCree or not as their standard bearer is not for us to say, but they might do far worse. Everybody knows that Mr. McCree was an original gold advocate, but has proven as true to the democratic party as the needle to the pole. In the last campaign he did as much valuable service for his party as any man in Kentucky. But if there is better material in the district for the place than the son of Madison, trot him out and let's take a look at him. The Journal is for the man that can win.

News Briefly Told

George Wristler was probably fatally wounded by a falling tree at Frenchburg.

The office of the Southern Express Co. at Columbia, S. C. was robbed of \$10,000.

Morris Coots, aged 83, committed suicide by hanging in a barn near Southville.

Fire destroyed the Auditorium Hotel and theater at Kansas City, causing a loss of \$450,000.

Thomas A. Edison claims to have photographed a thought by means of the Roentgen ray.

A number of political prisoners were shot to death in Guatemala by order of President Barrios.

By a wreck on the Pennsylvania road three men were killed and \$75,000 worth of property destroyed.

Greenberry Lewis, who was the oldest white resident of Woodford county, is dead at the age of 97.

The Railway Age reports the construction of 1,864 miles of railroad in the United States in 1897.

It is stated that Armour will lose a cool million dollars as a result of his dealings in December wheat.

Judge Parker in the case of the Belt line road at Lexington decides that railroads must pay a franchise.

William Lloyd Garrison, in a speech, characterized Henry George as "one of the greatest men of all time."

According to a New York paper, of 297,850 workers in the city, the records show that 92,075 are out of work.

John Laswell was killed and Horace Wathen seriously injured by a dynamite explosion at West Point, Ky.

The strong room of the Ward line City of Washington, containing \$600,000 in Mexican coin, was robbed of \$3,000.

While attempting to cross a river, John West, age 14, of South Carrollton, jumped from his horse and was drowned.

After having been giving 21 years by a jury for manslaughter, Ben French gets off with two in a second trial at Louisville.

Four men were instantly killed Saturday night on the Bear Creek logging road in Florida by the explosion of a locomotive boiler.

The book and job printers in New York compromised on a 94-hour day. They have been working 10 hours and wanted to make it nine.

James Griner, a former member of the Pennsylvania Legislature, killed his step-daughter as the result of a quarrel over money matters.

Alexander B. Campbell, an aged spiritualist of Rushville, Ind., got tired of waiting to become a spirit, so he took the morphine route to the spirit land.

Rat poison accidentally dropped into coffee at a social at Elk City, Kan., causing the death of one person and caused others to become critically ill.

Now that the various cracker and biscuit companies have consolidated, it is announced the prices will be advanced. In some instances as high as 30 per cent.

Fire in St. Louis destroyed the building and stock of the Mermod & Jaccard Jewelry Company, one of the largest in the world, and entailing a loss of \$335,000.

Hoyt Custer, book-keeper at the Catlettsburg National Bank, has been placed in jail charged with embezzlement, and has confessed. His shortage is \$871.

Gen. Weyler declares in an interview that autonomy is sure to fall in Cuba, and that if the Spanish government persists in the scheme it will lose Cuba in a few months.

The business block on Vine street in rear of Central police station, Lexington, owned by C. H. Stoll and Asa Dodge, was completely destroyed by fire, which started in a fireworks store.

Great damage was done by the sheet storm which prevailed for three days in Texas. The effect on live stock was disastrous, many cattle being killed. The loss in some instances being as high as 35 per cent.

Ill health caused Miss Leila Herbert, daughter of former Secretary of the Navy Herbert, to commit suicide at Washington by jumping from a third story window. She had previously severed the artery at her wrist with a pair of scissors.

In answering the petition of employees resisting a reduction of over 11 per cent. in wages, the cotton mill operators of the Fall River district frankly say that they can not compete with the Southern mills and that the reduction will be ordered.

Messrs. Rothschild and Mirrabaud, of Paris, are said to have bought for several million dollars the rich Ingaur copper mines of Mexico, and will develop them, building railways to the Pacific ocean and to a connection with the Mexican National Railway.

MATRIMONIAL

John W. Griffin, aged 20, and Miss Matilda Elam, 17, will be married at Peter Elam's in the East End to-day.

Hardin S. Cook, aged 18, and Miss Serena Young, the pretty 17-year-old daughter of Andrew Young, Sr., were married at Highland yesterday.

George Huston, 33, and Miss Emma Cook, 23, were married at Moreland, on the 23d and on the same day in the same town, George Aker, 21, and Miss Mary Buchanan, sweet 16, were likewise united.

Mr. William B. Hudson, formerly foreman on the Corbin News, and Miss Mazie Gooden were married at Jellico, Tenn., Dec. 19th. They will reside in Winchester where Mr. Hudson has a position with a newspaper.—Mt. Vernon Signal, 24th.

FARM AND TRADE

J. F. Gover has about completed a nice residence on his farm near Turnersville.

Wood & Lynn bought of W. H. Traylor, the distiller shop for 100 cattle at 5c per bushel.

ESTRAY.—Bay mare, side of mouth split and barefooted. Reward. Geo. Love, Kingsville.

John Murphy bought in the Cedar Creek section a bunch of heifers at 3c and 80c steers at 35c.

J. H. Boone took a mixed car load of butcher stuff and stockers to Cincinnati Wednesday, which he bought in this county at 14 to 24 for the former and 34 for the latter.

The Anderson News says F. R. Wright sold three Barred Plymouth Rock pullets that took the premium at the Central Kentucky Poultry Show, at \$5 each. One Indian Game hen brought him \$5.

Wehl and Monte Fox have bought from Farris & Whitley 233 export cattle, to go January 1st. at 44. Same firm sold to Levi Miller, of Pennsylvania, a car load of long yearling mules at \$37. L. K. Rogers sold to Shel Harrison two five-year-old harness geldings for \$235, and to L. H. Hudson three cavalry horses at \$75 to \$100.—Advocate.

The proprietor, editor and reporter, of the Owensboro Inquirer, have been indicted for criminal libel, following the publication of sensational charges against J. E. Rowe, Commonwealth's attorney.

RELIGIOUS

Nine convicts were confirmed in the Episcopal church at the Frankfort penitentiary.

Rev. Sam Small has been admitted to the Georgia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church. He will preach in Atlanta.

The report comes from Tazewell, Tenn., that Mahala Mullins, the mountain giantess, has become the mother of quadruplets.

Rev. J. T. Sharrard, after two years of faithful service of the Christian church here, will preach his farewell sermon next Sunday morning.

The Rev. Williams, who died at Elizabethtown, was not a brother of the late W. L. Williams, as we stated. Miss Dolly B. Williams writes us from Lexington that her uncle is named Samuel Williams and that a dispatch from him says he is in good health.

Rev. J. H. Spencer, D. D., leader of the anti-Whittist movement among Kentucky Baptists, and the first one to attack his statement, died at his home at Eminence. For years he had been one of the largest givers in Kentucky to Baptist churches and schools. He had just completed a history of the Baptist church in Kentucky.

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CONDITION OF THE

FARMERS BANK & TRUST CO.

AT STANFORD,

At the close of Business Dec. 15, 1897.

RESOURCES.

Bills.....\$288,334 33
Other stocks and bonds.....1,984 67
Overdrafts.....7,263 41
Due from Banks.....37,477 35
Banking house and fixtures.....6,400 00
Expenses and Taxes.....1,044 25
Cash.....10,125 09

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock.....\$200,000 00
Surplus fund.....18,157 67
Undivided profits.....4,575 16
Deposits subject to check, on which interest is not paid.....142,291 69
Due to Banks.....10,334 72

\$375,630 29

The affiant, J. B. Owensley, swears that the foregoing statement is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

J. B. OWENSLEY, Cashier.

Sworn to before me by J. B. Owensley, Dec. 20th 1897.

W. M. BRIGHT, Notary Public.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

OF

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK,

AT STANFORD

In the State of Kentucky, at the close of business Dec. 15, 1897.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts.....\$172,940 83
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....3,474 66
U. S. Bonds to secure Circulation.....50,000 00
Stocks, securities, etc.....16,947 87
Banking-house, furniture and fixtures.....9,200 00
Other real estate and mortgages owned.....1,572 00
Due from National Banks, not Reserve Agents.....10,945 64
Due from State Banks and Bankers.....9,230 18
Due from approved reserve agents.....963 91
Checks and other cash items.....1,850 00
Notes of other Nat. Banks.....424 65
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents.....10,439 50
Legal tender notes.....2,925 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer 5 per cent. of circulation.....1,500 00

Total.....\$290,791 15

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock.....\$100,000 00
Surplus fund.....10,300 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....5,176 63
National Bank Notes outstanding.....44,300 00
Due to other National Banks.....5,431 16
Due to State Banks and Bankers.....2,342 48
Individual deposits subject to check.....112,126 15
Notes and bills rediscounted.....2,354 00
Liabilities other than those above stated.....2,740 77

Total.....\$290,791 15

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

County of Lincoln ss.

I, John J. McRoberts, cashier of above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JOHN J. McROBERTS Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of Dec., 1897.

W. M. BRIGHT, N. P. L. C.

J. S. HOCKER, }
W. A. TRIBLE, } Directors.
J. W. HAYDEN, }

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

OF

THE NATIONAL BANK OF HUSTONVILLE

AT HUSTONVILLE.

In the State of Kentucky, at the close of business Dec. 15, 1897.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts.....\$102,122 46
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....2,345 01
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation.....12,500 00
Banking House, furniture and fixtures.....1,000 00
Due from National Banks, not Reserve Agents.....343 78
Due from State Banks and Bankers.....2,684 42
Due from approved reserve agents.....9,896 95
Checks and other cash items.....6 40
Notes of other National Banks.....2,376 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents.....21 16
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz: Specie.....11,360 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer 5 per cent. of circulation.....662 50

Total.....\$145,019 58

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in.....\$50,000 00
Surplus fund.....25,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....2,710 40
National Bank notes outstanding.....11,250 00
Due to other National Banks.....693 71
Due to State Banks and Bankers.....72 17
Fund to pay taxes.....394 98
Individual deposits subject to check.....54,984 32

Total.....\$145,019 58

I, J. W. Hocker, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. W. HOCKER, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of Dec., 1897.

GEO. W. HUNN, N. P. L. C.

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